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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, MX, PLO

SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATION IN MEXICO

REF: STATE 091578

1. THE PLO IS REPRESENTED IN MEXICO BY A ONE-MAN INFORMATION OFFICE. THIS IS THE ONLY PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN MEXICO. THE PLO DOES NOT WORK UNDER THE COVER OF ANY OTHER DIPLOMATIC OFFICE OR ORGANIZATION, ALTHOUGH THE PLO INFORMATION OFFICE HAS VERY CLOSE TIES WITH THE IRAQI EMBASSY.

2. THE PLO REP. AND HIS WIFE DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS. THEY DO, HOWEVER, HAVE A QUASI-OFFICIAL STATUS AND HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH IDENTIFICATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. THE GOM ALSO PROVIDES THE PLO WITH RENT FREE OFFICE SPACE AND TELEPHONE SERVICE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS THE GOM IS CONTINUING TO ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AFTER THE LOW POINT WHICH FOLLOWED MEXICO'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ANTI-ZIONIST  
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RESOLUTION IN THE UN, THE PLO OFFICE HAS BEEN KEPT ON AN INCREASINGLY SHORT LEASH. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL TO MEXICO, THE PLO REP. WAS TOLD BY THE GOM THAT NO PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATION, OR EVEN STATEMENT, AGAINST THE VISIT WOULD BE PERMITTED AND THAT IF ANY UNPLEASANT INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING THE VISIT, THE BLAME WOULD BE PLACED ON THE PLO REP. ALTHOUGH

THE PLO REP. TRIED TO PROTEST THIS RULING, HE FOUND THE VISIT AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO TRAVEL TO CUBA. THE INFORMATION OFFICE'S LACK OF ANY GREAT SUCCESS IN MEXICO IS DUE IN PART TO THE LACK OF CURRENT ENTHUSIASM OF THE LOPEZ PORTILLO GOVERNMENT FOR THE PLO EFFECTIVE MEDIA COUNTER-MEASURES BY THE ISRAELIS, AND THE APPARENT INEPTITUDE OF THE PLO REP. OF COURSE THE FACT THAT THE PLO HAS ANY RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATION IN MEXICO AT ALL CAN BE CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT PLO SUCCESS AND, ALTHOUGH THE GOM HAS COOLED TOWARD THE PLO, THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PLO REPRESENTATION.

4. IF WE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PLO REPRESENTATION FROM SOURCES SUCH AS THE ISRAELI EMBASSY, WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT SOONEST.  
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